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The International  
Military Tribunal  
for the Far East.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND OTHERS

v

ARJI Sadao and others

A. F. F. I. D. A. V. I. T.

I, Benjamin George MAPLEBACK of 449 Dean Street, Albury, in the State of New South Wales, make oath and say:-

1. Prior to discharge I was VX37271 L/Cpl. Benjamin George MAPLEBACK of 2/29 Bn. and was taken prisoner of war on 12 March 1942 near KULAI in Malaya.

2. I was captured with Lieut. COOTES, Cpl. MANNERS, and Pte NICHOLLS all of 2/29 Bn. by a party of Malays and Chinese and we were taken to a rubber plantation about 6 to 8 miles north-west of KULAI. After we were there about three hours a party of 7 Japanese arrived in charge of an NCO wearing a sword and pistol. We were there each bound by the hands with rope and attached to each other by rope.  
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3. The Japanese NCO drew the attention of the other Japanese to sores on the legs of Lieut. COOTES and grinned. At this a Japanese soldier with a tommy gun raised it and appeared to be going to shoot Lieut. COOTES and then he lowered the gun at a word from the NCO.

4. We were then placed in a truck and driven towards KULAI. While on the way the Japanese NCO noticed sores on the legs of Pte. NICHOLLS and drew the attention of the others to them. He then drew one of our bayonets and started to beat all of us with it, particularly Lieut. COOTES and Pte. NICHOLLS whom he hit on their sores and also jabbed with the point of the bayonet.

5. After travelling about three miles the truck stopped at a bridge and the rope connecting us with Lieut. COOTES and Pte. NICHOLLS was cut and they were ordered out of the truck and taken to a creek about 20 yards away, where they were shot by the Japanese with the tommy gun. We all saw them shot. The Japanese then came back to the truck leaving the bodies of Lieut. COOTES and Pte. NICHOLLS where they fell.]

Sworn at Albury, in the ) (Signed) B.G. MAPLEBACK.  
State of N.S.W. this the )  
30th day of September 1946)  
Before me,  
(Signed) W.L. JOHNSON, J.P.

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極東國際軍事裁判所

原米利加合衆國及其ノ他

對

荒木貞夫及其ノ他

供 詞 書

一、*New South Wales* / ニュー・サウス・ウエールズ州、オイルベリ / ALBURY / テイム / DEAN / 街、聖四九番地、ベンジヤミン・ジョージ・メイプルバック / Benjamin George MAPLEBACK / 宣誓ノ上左ノ如ク陳述ヲ行フ、

(一)、除隊前余ハ<sup>29</sup>大隊 VX 三七二七一兵長ベンジヤミン・ジョージ・メイプルバック / Benjamin George MAPLEBACK / ニシテ一九四二年ノ昭和十七年ノ三月十二日馬來ノ「クロー」 / KULAH / 附近ニ於テ俘虜トナレリ

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- (二)、余へ同ジク<sup>2/29</sup>大尉ノ「クーツ」／COOTES  
S／中尉「マンナース」／MANNERS／伍  
長、及「ニコルス」／NICHOLLS／一等  
兵ト共ニ馬來人及中國人ノ一隊ニヨリ捕縛  
セラレ、而シテ余等へ「クレー」ノ西北方  
六哩乃至八哩ノ酸模林ニ達レ行カレタリ。  
其處ニ約三時間居タル後、七人ノ日本兵ノ  
一隊ハ劍及短銃ヲ携帶セル一名ノ下士官ニ  
引率サレテ到リセリ、余等ハ其處ニテ手ヲ  
廻ニテ縛ラレ又オ互モ縛ニテ達カレタリ。
- (三)、石ノ日本下士官ハ「クーツ」／COOTES／  
中尉ノ脚ニ傷アルコトヲ他ノ日本兵ニ注意  
シ而シテ顔ヲシカメタリ、コノトキ携帶機  
關銃ヲ携帶セル一日本兵ハソレヲトリ上ゲ  
「クーツ」中尉ヲ打タントスル風ヲセシガ  
下士ノ一言ニヨリ銃ヲ下セリ。
- (四)、ソレヨリ余等ハ一台ノ「トラック」ニ乗セ  
ラレ、「クレー」／KULAH／ニ向ツテ送  
ラレタリ。途中石ノ日本下士官ハ「ニコル

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ス「一等兵ノ脚ニ傷アルヲ認メ他ノ人々モソ  
レヲ見ルヤウ注意セリ、ソレヨリ彼ハ余等ノ  
銃剣ノ一ツヲ拔出シ、ソレヲ以テ余等全部ヲ  
打ち始メ、特ニ「クーツ」／COOHES／中  
尉及「ニコルス」／HCHOLLS／一等兵ノ傷  
ヲ打ち尚銃剣ノ尖ヲ以テ突刺シタリ。

(二)、三順位行キタル後「トラック」ハ橋ノ所ニテ  
止マリ、余等ト「クーツ」中尉及「ニコルス」  
一等兵トヲ襲キタル處ハ切斷サレ、彼等ハ「  
トラック」ヨリ下リルヤウ命ゼラレ約二十「  
ヤード」離レタル小河ノ所ニ達レテ行カレ、  
其處ニテ彼等ハ日本兵ニヨリ携帶機關銃ヲ以  
テ射撃セラレタリ。吾々ハ彼等カ皆射殺サレ  
ルノヲ見タ。然ル後日本兵ハ「クーツ」中尉  
及「ニコルス」一等兵ノ死体ヲ倒レタル所ニ  
置キタルママ「トラック」ニ歸リ來レリ。

ビー・ジ・メイプルバック (署名)

／B.G. MAPLEBACK／

一九四六年／昭和二十一年／九月三十日

「ニュー・サウス・ウェールズ」州「オース

ベリー」ニ於テ余ノ面前ニ於テ宣誓セリ

ヴァル・ジョブソン・ジエ・ビー (署名)

／VAL JOBUSON. J. P.／

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